

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed prior to examination.

Claims 7, 8, 10 and 12 have been amended herein and new dependable claims 13-16 have been added as presented in the attached Appendix in order to obviate the need for multiple dependencies.

An early favorable allowance of the claims remaining in the present application is earnestly solicited.

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APPENDIX

Amended Claims:

7. A process for preparing the protein or fragment of claim 3 comprising culturing the microorganism of claim 5.

8. A kit for diagnosis of cancer which comprises the protooncogene or fragment of claim 1.

10. An anti-sense gene having a base sequence which is complementary to the sequence of the full or partial mRNA transcribed from the protooncogene or fragment of claim 1 and being capable of binding the mRNA to inhibit the expression of said protooncogene or fragment.

12. A process for treating or preventing cancer in humans which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of the anti-sense gene of claim 10 to the human.

New Claims:

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13. A process for preparing the protein or fragment of claim 3 comprising culturing the microorganism of claim 6.

14. A kit for diagnosis of cancer which comprises the protooncogene or fragment of claim 2.

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15. An anti-sense gene having a base sequence which is complementary to the sequence of the full or partial mRNA transcribed from the protooncogene or fragment of claim 2 and being capable of binding the mRNA to inhibit the expression of said protooncogene or fragment.

16. A process for treating or preventing cancer in humans which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of the anti-sense gene of claim 11 to the human.

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